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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 17 September - 21 September 2001
Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~AIUO~~) 25 September 2001: Meeting with Representatives of the Department of State Historian's Office regarding Foreign Relations of the US (FRUS).

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~AIUO~~) October 2001: The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed general material older than 25 years.

(U//~~AIUO~~) 31 October 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB), Washington, DC.

(U//~~AIUO~~) April 2003: The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed intelligence-related or multi-agency records.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//~~AIUO~~) FOIA Requests

(U//~~AIUO~~) Prisoner Interested in Documents on Transnational Crime and Terrorism
(U//~~AIUO~~) An inmate at the Federal Correctional Institute in Sandstone, Minnesota asked for copies of documents relating to "Transnational crime syndicates focusing on Eastern Europe, Russia and the Middle East" and "terrorism and how America is dealing with the problems in the new millennium."

- *The FOIA case officer provided the requester with listings and samplings of documents indexed on these subjects from the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database of previously released material. The requester will be charged duplication fees if he wishes to receive more than 100 pages of previously released material.* [redacted] (b)(3)

(U//~~AIUO~~) Requester Seeks Copy of IG Investigation on Campaign Finance
(U//~~AIUO~~) A Maryland requester sought documents pertaining to "the Inspector General investigation on Roger Tamraz and John Huang involving campaign finance 1996."

- *The requester was provided with a copy of the 1998 IG report on the investigation from the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database of previously released material.* [redacted] (b)(3)

(U//~~AIUO~~) Requester Interested in *Mad Magazine*
(U//~~AIUO~~) A Massachusetts requester asked for information on *Mad Magazine* , a monthly publication specializing in topical and satirical humor, and several of the magazine's employees.

- *The FOIA case officer advised the requester that given the foreign intelligence mission of the CIA, "it is highly unlikely that we would hold any information in our files" on the subject.* [redacted] (b)(5)

  The case officer also informed the requester that the fee estimate for his request "could amount to as much as $1000." [redacted] (b)(5)

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(U//~~AIUO~~) CIA Declassification Center

(U//~~AIUO~~) Army Topographic Engineering Center Wants Declassified NIS on Afghanistan and Pakistan
(U//~~AIUO~~) On 21 September 2001, the Army's Topographic Engineering Center (TEC) at Ft. Belvoir contacted the External Referral & Liaison Unit (ER&L) at the CIA Declassification Center to ask if the chapters on topography in the CIA's National Intelligence Surveys (NIS) on Afghanistan and Pakistan have been declassified. Representatives at ER&L checked the database of declassified NIS and determined the information sought by TEC has been declassified. ER&L sent documentation to that effect to TEC, who indicated appreciation for the quick turnaround

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(U//~~AIUO~~) From the Archives: President Truman Establishes Psychological Strategy Board in 1951
(U//~~AIUO~~) The DCI team at the CIA Declassification Center recently reviewed for declassification a 95-page history of the events leading up to President Truman's establishment of the the Psychological Strategy Board (PSB) in 1951. According to the history, "the President ... was disgusted at the interagency bickering and the inability of his two major executive departments (State and Defense) to settle their own problems. He was, therefore, taking it out of interdepartmental discussion and he would make a personal decision." The directive establishing the PSB was issued on 4 April 1951. "Like most government action, this directive was a compromise. PSB was an independent entity, but PSB actually was a committee of the top policy officials of the three interested agencies: State, Defense and CIA." The President prohibited the PSB from becoming an operating agency but authorized it to plan psychological operations on the strategic level.

- *The Psychological Strategy Board was a National Security Council sub-committee that existed between April 1951 and September 1953 to exercise oversight and coordination over psychological warfare matters for the US government. The Board consisted of members from many agencies and disciplines.*

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(U//~~AIUO~~) Special Collections Division

(U//~~FOUO~~) SCD Transfers POW/MIA Collection to NARA
(U//~~FOUO~~) This week Special Collections Division (SCD) of Information Management Services transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) the entire Senate Select Committee on Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) collection. The collection consists of over 40,000 pages of documentary material relating to the Vietnam War POW-MIA issue, including almost 7,500 pages of CIA-originated material. NARA plans to have the collection available to the public by Spring 2002.

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